

Founder's Day Records, W418
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Description of series and its contents:

The records contained in this particular inventory pertain to the celebration of Founder's Day at Winthrop College in honor of David Bancroft Johnson (1856- 1928).

Founder's Day was started at a meeting of the board of trustees on June 21, 1921, where a petition from the faculty was read asking that President Johnson's birthday, January 10, be set aside as Founder's day. The plan was heartily endorsed by the board. However, 1922 can be considered the year of the first official Founder's Day celebration at Winthrop.

Founder's Day, 1929, took the form of a special memorial service for D.B. Johnson who died in 1928.

Founder's Day, 1936, was also celebrated as the 50th anniversary of the school.

Founder's Day, 1970, was the year of the last Founder's Day celebration at Winthrop.

The celebration always took place in January but it wasn't always celebrated on Johnson's birthday.

The type of records included in this inventory includes lists of Founder's Day speakers (1922-1970), petition by the faculty for a Founder's Day at Winthrop (Box 1 – Folder 2), program notes, newspaper clippings, poems in honor of David Bancroft Johnson, copies of speeches, correspondence concerning speakers and guests at Founder's Day, telegrams, copies of Alumni News (Founder's Day edition), invitations, memorandum, Founder's Day bulletin for 1922 – 1928, agenda notes, Founder's Day booklets and photographs (beginning in 1940).

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1	2	Records of D.B. Johnson's Birthday Celebration	January 10, 1921
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